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Re: Applicant: Robert A. Sutherland et al  
CIP Patent Application entitled OPTICAL  
CONVERTER FLEX ASSEMBLIES

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.10, the undersigned hereby certifies that the enclosed CIP patent application is being deposited as "Express Mail" with the United States Postal Service on Wednesday, March 14, 2001, and requests that the above-entitled application be accorded a filing date of March 14, 2001. The "Express Mail" mailing number is EF237697086 US.

The above-entitled application is filed with 15 sheets of informal drawings and the filing fee in the amount of \$445.00 for a small entity broken down as follows:

Basic Fee (3 independent claims)	=	\$355.00
Claims in excess of 20--10 x \$9	=	<u>90.00</u>
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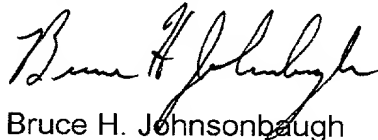
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The undersigned represents that the applicants and assignee are small entities and qualify for small entity fees.

The applicants are those listed on the enclosed unsigned declaration and power of attorney, which form is in the process of being executed by the applicants, Robert A. Sutherland, James S. Sacks, Eric B. Grann, Kenneth R. Herrity, Jeffrey A. Griffis and Frank W. Jacobson, Jr..

Respectfully submitted,



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